

Gunk Hole Summary For Columbia River

Codes – FUel, Groceries, REstaurants, Restrooms, Showers, Beach, Quiet, No Wind, Docks, SM statute mile

Ilwaco – Office 360/642-3143, FU 7am-8 pm, G, RE, R, S (free), D; ice cream, laundromat, \$0.35 bus to Long Beach, walks, SM = 0

Astoria West Basin – Office 503/325-8297, FU, RE, R, S, NW, D; trolley to supermarket, CYC membership card and burgee gets you one night free moorage, great maritime museum, SM =14

Tongue Point – Q, NW, great anchorage, SM = 18

East Basin – RE, trolley to town, supermarket close, SM = 17

Warren Slough – Q, NW; Conservancy refuge, great for dinghy exploration, trip line on anchor recommended, SM = 27 on main channel, but south by 4 miles

Blind Slough/Grizzly Slough – Great for exploring with shallow draft boat or dinghy; Devils Elbow channel moved south, SM = 28 on main channel, but south by 3 miles

Steamboat Slough – G & RE (limited at Skamokawa), Q, NW; trip line on anchor recommended or tie with long line to pilings; accessible both ends, can dinghy to 18 Skamokawa; if vehicle available, drive 2-3 miles up valley to glass blowing place, SM = 34

Cathlamet –Office 360/795-3501, FU 9 am – 5 pm summer, G, RE, R, S, Q, NW, D, 30/50 amp power – Elochoman Sough Marina great for kayak or dinghy trip, SM = 40

Westport Slough – Q, NW – rarely used, quiet anchorage good for kayaking. Enter either between the two range markers or along the Oregon shore south of the red buoy. Stay close to the south shore until approaching the ferry dock, then be sure to go to the north shore. Anchor anywhere in the next 2 miles. Go past the private moorage about ½ mile for the quietest spot. SM = 43.

Clatskanie – G, RE, R, NW, D – Shallow, DO NOT try this for the first time on your own, a neat trip up several miles of a canal like setting with Humps Restaurant at the end. SM =49

Willow Island (near east end of Wallace Is. just up stream from Beaver Slough) - Q, NW; Stay on mainland side including the small island, go past Humps sign on fisherman's dock and just past anchorage and double back, hug Wallace island, anchor between two islands in 10-12 foot deep water, trip line recommended on anchor, room for 2-3 boats, Many small fishing boats will pass in season. SM = 50

Crims Island/Bradbury Slough – Q, good dinghy trip to island, SM = 54

Gull Island – Shallow keel recommended or navigate at high tide by staying close enough to shore so you can pick flowers off pilings, SM = 55

Fisher Island Slough – Home of Longview Yacht Club, reciprocals & free ice, SM = 59

Walker Island - Can be windy; CRYC has dock available for use if club not using it; room for about 7 boats in Smugglers Cove (1/4 mile east of CRYC dock); recommended anchoring with trip line and by line from tree on shore, SM = 61

Rainier –Boat Launch west end of town next to park. Tie-up to transient dock for 72 hours. Bouncy! SM = 69

Carrolls Channel Cowlitz River – next to freeway, watch depth, SM 71

Goble – F, D (poor), NW, SM 74, enter from down stream. Good bar food and live music (weekends) at newly remodeled tavern, anchor up stream opposite the old River Queen ferry boat or further up stream.

Sandy Island – B, no protection from wind from North, SM 75, navigable back side of Sandy Island, possible log rafts to tie to Kalama –Office 360/673-2325, FU 8 am – 4:30 pm M-F, F (avoid Angel's), R, S (at park), Q, SM 75, local brewery

Martin Slough – near freeway, NW, Tyee Yacht Club dock, SM 79. Watch tide and deadheads – 1/3 from left going in, 2/3 from right going in, great blackberries when in season

St. Helens City – FU, G, F (St. Helens Café a must), R, S, B, can be windy, concrete docks on the island, SM 86. Nice theater and new deli. Currents can be tricky. Sand Island (across from St. Helens City) – D, B, R SM 86